GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to launch VAT Holiday package to attract Indian and foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details of destinations identified for the same;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the same to all parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of number of tourists likely to avail the facility and the revenue likely to be generated to the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, is already operating 80 package tours to various tourist destinations in the country. Development and implementation of new packages/destinations is a continuous process and additions are made regularly.

(d): During the last one year, 7050 people have availed this facility giving a revenue of Rs.74,13,862/- to the Railways.